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FILED: April 2, 2004

FOR: METHOD OF IMPROVING THE UNIFORMITY  
OF A PATTERNED RESIST ON A PHOTOMASK

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1763

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§ EXAMINER: B.L. Raymond

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**AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

Submitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "A" in response to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2007, which has a shortened statutory period for response of April 24, 2007.

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CALCULATION OF FEES DUE					
	Number of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	17	20	0	x \$50.00 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	X \$200.00 =	\$ 0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, (add \$360.00)					\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 0.00

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "A". However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17, which are required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Esq., of San Diego, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

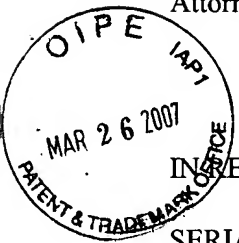
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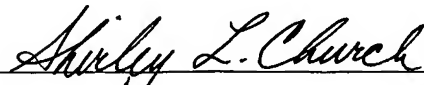
Claims 1 - 17 are pending in the application.

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Claims 4, 5 and 9 - 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 - 3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kirkpatrick (U.S. Patent Application 2006/0084229).

Claims 4 - 7 and 9 - 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkpatrick in view of Itoh (U.S. Patent Application 2004/0058279).

Please amend the application as follows.